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the application of: Wei Gu

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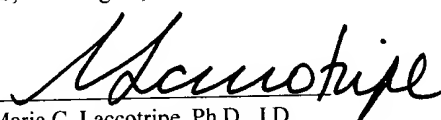
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 1, 2 and 12 as follows:

1. **(Amended)** An isolated nucleic acid molecule selected from the group consisting of:
 - a) a nucleic acid molecule comprising a nucleotide sequence which is at least about 60% identical to the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:1, SEQ ID NO:3, SEQ ID NO:4, SEQ ID NO:6,